GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Department of Tribal Welfare – Complaint petition on misappropriation of Government funds, several irregularities and corruption activities in ITDA Seethampeta of Srikakulam District - To initiation of departmental action against Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao (u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules 1991& A.P Revised pension rules 1980 – Article of Charges – Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE (SER)

G.O.RT.No. 51 Dated: 15-04-2025

Read: -

Letter received from the DG, V&E Vigilance Report No.61(C.No.2704/V&E/Sec.II/2021), dt.21.11.2024.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao (u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rule, 1991.

2.The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which is the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges.

3. Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao (u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao (u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta is informed that an inquiry will be held in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charges.

5. Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao (u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 4 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on him behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and that action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this proceedings, may be acknowledged.

MM NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta (Now retired) (through the ENC, TW, Vijayawada)

Copy to:

The Engineer-in-Chief, Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the original and furnish the duplicate copy with dated acknowledgement of the individual)

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ANNEXURE - I

Statement of article of charges framed against Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao (u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta:

Charge-I:

Sri J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta has committed irregularities in execution of work " repairs to AP Tribal Welfare Residence School (Boys) at Seethampeta Mandal Est.Cost Rs.9.60 lakhs"

1. Deviated the guidelines of G.O.Ms.No.02 Finance (Works & Projects-F7) Department dated: 03-02-2014 and entrusted the works on nomination basis instead of e-Procurement.
2. Being the competent authority for concluding the supplemental agreement failed to conclude the agreement properly as the deviated items were not incorporated in the supplemental agreement for the work repairs to AP Tribal Welfare Residential School (Boys) at Seethampeta Mandal.

Hence the charge, under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for violating Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of AP Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964 for non-devotion to duty, lack of integrity and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of government employee.

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ANNEXURE- II

Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the article of charges framed against Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta:

Basis of the charge: As per the Vigilance report No.61(C.No.2704/V&E/Sec-II/2020 dated 21.11.2024 of the Vigilance and Enforcement Department, certain irregularities committed in execution of " repairs to AP Tribal Welfare Residence School (Boys) at Seethampeta Mandal Est.Cost Rs.9.60lakhs".

The then Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare, Seethampeta accorded technical sanction with an amount of Rs. 9.60 Lakhs. The technical sanction for the work was registered as divisional register no. 10/2018-19 Dated: 15-05-2018. The estimate is prepared with standard schedule of rates of 2017-18. The work was entrusted to the Vice President, V.T.D.A, Gadiguddi (V) on nomination basis instead of e-procurement.

Measurements for the work were recorded in measurement books 1953B & 2030A. The last set of check measurement was done by the Dy. Executive Engineer on 16-08-2018. Executive Engineer check measured the work on 26-07-2019. Working estimate was technically sanctioned on 02.11.2019. Accordingly, supplementary agreement was concluded on 02-11-2019. First and final bill was prepared and submitted for a value of Rs. 4,44,700/- M. Book 2030A. The bill was processed by the Executive Engineer and passed for a net amount of Rs. 4,61,267/- and the same was paid.

The V&E officials have inspected the work on 23-12-2021. It is observed that MS iron door and MS iron window were fixed as against to the agreement items of MS wooden window and MS wooden door. It is found from the records that the said deviated items were not incorporated in the supplemental agreement

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ANNEXURE - III

List of documents by which the Article of charges framed against Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta :

1. From DG, V&E Vigilance Report(No.2704/V&E)/Sec.II/2021) dated 21.11.2024 .

2.Govt Memo.No.2724021/TW.Ser/A2/2025 dated 06.03.2025 of TW(Ser) Dept.

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ANNEXURE - IV

List of witnesses by whom the Article of Charges framed against Sri. J. Santhiswara Rao(u/s), the then Executive Engineer, Tribal welfare, Seethampeta

List of Witnesses:

The concerned Vigilance & Enforcement Department officials have enquired into the allegations in Verification of works executed by Tribal Welfare Engineering Department.

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